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SUBJECT: U.S. ACCUSED OF THOUGHT CONTROL IN BASE PASS

ISSUANCE

SUMMARY:

THE SOCIALIST PARTY AND OKINAWA NEWSPAPERS (BOTH LEFTIST) HAVE
ACCUSED THE U.S. FORCES OF EXERCISING "THOUGHT CONTROL" IN THE
ISSUANCE OF PASSES TO LOCAL NATIONAL WORKERS FOR ENTRY INTO
U.S. BASES. END SUMMARY.

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1. SOCIALIST OKINAWAN PREFECTURAL ASSEMBLYMAN KISHIMOTO
STATED APRIL 1 THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE WATER SUPPLY BUREAU HAS
HAD HIS STAFF MEMBERS FILL IN A 22-QUESTION U.S. FORM ASKING
SUCH QUESTIONS AS:

A. HAVE YOU OR YOUR FAMILY EVER PARTICIPATED IN ANY
POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS,

B. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED, PROSECUTED OR
SENTENCED FOR VIOLATION OF LAW, AND

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C. LIST ALL MEMBERSHIPS IN ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED

WITH IDEOLOGY, THOUGHT AND CREED.

FORM WAS REQUIRED FOR ISSUANCE OF PASSES FOR ENTRY ONTO U.S. BASES.

2. KISHIMOTO CHARGED THAT THESE QUESTIONNAIRES VIOLATE JAPANESE CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS OF FREEDOM OF THOUGHT AND CONSCIENCE, INFRINGE ON INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS, WERE NOT COVERED BY THE SOFA, AND IMPEDE THE PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT OF THE WATER SUPPLY BUREAU. HE ALLEGED THAT PASSES HAD NOT BEEN ISSUED TO STAFF MEMBERS WHO REFUSED TO FILL OUT THE FORMS AND THAT MATTER WOULD BE RAISED IN THE NATIONAL DIET BY OKINAWA JSP DIETMAN UEHARA.

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3. THE LEFTIST OKINAWAN PRESS HAS CONTINUED TO PLAY UP THIS ISSUE, REPORTING THAT THE WATER SUPPLY BUREAU HAD ADMITTED THAT IT WAS "A BIG MISTAKE" TO HAVE AGREED TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE, AND THAT IT WOULD REFUSE TO ACCEPT SUCH QUESTIONNAIRES IN THE FUTURE. STAFF OF OTHER OFFICES HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN ISSUED BASE PASSES WITHOUT FILLING OUT SIMILAR QUESTIONNAIRES. THE PRESS REPORTED THAT GOVERNOR YARA, AT LABOR UNION URGING, WILL DEMAND RETURN OF THE KOZA WATER FILTRATION FACILITY LOCATED INSIDE KADENA AIR BASE, AND THE UNION DEMANDED THAT MILITARY PASSES SHOULD BE RETURNED AND THAT WATER WORKERS USE CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY THE GOVERNOR. THE OKINAWA TIMES EDITORIALIZED ON ALLEGED U.S. FORCES ATTEMPTS TO CONTINUE TO CONTROL THE OKINAWAN POPULATION DESPITE REVERSION.

4. COMMENT: THE LEFT CONTINUES TO WORK DILIGENTLY TO SEEK OUT ISSUES WHICH WILL EMBARRASS US. THUS FAR NO DIRECT ACTION, SUCH AS CUTTING OFF BASE WATER SUPPLIES, HAS BEEN THREATENED OVER THIS ISSUE

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